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Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting

SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2020

City	Jan - 20	Feb - 20	Apr - 20	May - 20	June - 20	July - 20	Aug - 20
Carson	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Pimentel	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Medina	Medina Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka Francis	
Hawthorne	Monteiro	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach		Massey	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin Butts	
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez		Suarez			
Lomita	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley Waronek	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	Buscaino	Buscaino		
Manhattan Beach		Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank Alegria	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath Emdee	Horvath	
Rolling Hills		Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Rizzo	Rizzo	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District			Johnson	Johnson			
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	

Number of Active Agencies	17	16	17	17	17	17	17
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	14	13	15	16	16	15	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valentine called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	George Chen, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Jennifer LaMarque, SD-4
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach	

The following non-voting elected officials were in attendance:

Paulette Francis, Gardena	Mark Waronek, Lomita
James Butts, Inglewood	

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Aksel Palacios, LA CD-15	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Greg Farr, Caltrans	David Leger, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Jackson Kalb, Jame Enoteca	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Mark Wilbur, Employers Group	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	James Hannon, South Bay Bike Coalition
Wally Siembab, SBCCOG	David Grethen, Public

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. June 25 & June 29 Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Contract with FMF Pandion for Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Group (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Contract Renewal with Ygrene (attachments) – Approved**
- D. Contract with Silvernest for Home Sharing (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Comment Letters Sent by Steering Committee due to deadlines (attachment) – Received and Filed**
 - 1. Metro Long Range Transportation Plan**
 - 2. Measure H 2020-2021 Expenditure Plan**
- F. Monthly Reports – Receive and Filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)**
 - 2. Transportation Report (attachment)**
 - 3. Reports from Outside Agencies**
 - a. Metro Service Council Report by Don Szerlip
 - b. SCAG & Committees

1. Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
- c. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeffrey Kiernan)
- d. Air Quality Management District (Judy Mitchell, Joe Buscaino, Denny Shaw)
- e. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)

MOTION by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Boyles, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. COVID-19 Business Impact & Reopenings

Mark Wilbur, President and CEO of Employers Group presented on the company's COVID-19 Business Impact & Reopening Survey that was conducted in May and a subsequent follow-up survey done earlier in July. The survey was done in conjunction with BizFed and received over 800 responses from almost 50 different industries. The survey provided insight on the issues facing businesses as a result of the Safer At Home orders put in place following the outbreak of COVID-19. The businesses were not only from a variety of sectors, they were also varying in size, with 77% of responses coming from businesses with less than 500 employees. To see the survey highlights, Mr. Wilbur's full presentation is available online here: https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/Presentation_Updated%20Employers%20Group%20Presentation%20on%20COVID-19%20Business%20Impact%20%20Reopening%20Survey%207-23-20%20Final.pdf

B. COVID-19 Impacts to Restaurants

Jackson Kalb, a restaurant owner from El Segundo, was invited by Vice-Chair Boyles to present on the impacts of COVID-19 on restaurants. Mr. Kalb explained that the economic impacts to restaurants has been severe with a potential 80% closure rate based on extrapolated YELP data. He elaborated that restaurants already operate on razor thin profit margins during good economic times, so limitations on capacity and Safer At Home orders have had monumental impacts on restaurants. Mr. Kalb noted that several restaurants evolved with the pandemic by initially selling product like a grocery store, then focusing on delivery and takeout, followed by increased sanitation and PPE requirements for staff. Mr. Kalb urged the Board to support and advocate for economic relief specifically for restaurants, such as the Restaurant Act, as they largely received little aid from the CARES Act. He explained that airlines received billions of dollars in dedicated funding despite having a fraction of the workforce that the restaurant industry has which received zero dedicated funding. Restaurants cannot survive without aid, particularly for COVID-19 required expenses such as PPE, additional sanitation, etc.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported that there was no Metro Board meeting in July. Metro staff continues to work on the COVID-19 recovery plan. Recommendations to the Metro Board are expected in September.

B. Transportation Committee report

Mr. Lantz reported that there was no Transportation Committee meeting in July. SBCCOG staff will be meeting with each city to review project progress and cashflow needs for their Measure R SBHP and Measure M MSP projects in August.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – APPROVED

a. Support AB 1314, SB 1130

b. Oppose AB 725, AB 1851, AB 2168, AB 2345, SB 1085, SB 1138

Ms. Bacharach explained to the Board that Torrance staff had recently done a lot of research on several housing bills that inhibit local control and address housing that should be done at a local level.

There was significant discussion around AB 1314 which would require cities to post on their websites specified information on use of force settlements and judgments. Several Board Members expressed concern over the bill and noted that often times, cities settle potential lawsuits as opposed to litigating them because of the incredible expense of litigation. Board Members were worried that making this information public would encourage litigious members of the public to file suits in hopes of settlements with the city.

Other Board Members noted that there is value in transparency but cautioned that the complex issue could be a Pandora's box.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **OPPOSE** AB 1314. Ayes by Board Members: Dieringer, Huff, Valentine, Cruikshank, Chen, Kao, Tanaka, Gazeley, and Franklin. Nays by Board Members: Horvath, Stern, and Armato. Abstentions by Board Members LaMarque and Boyles. Motion passed.

The Board moved on to discuss SB 1130 which would extend funding in a state program that helps fund broadband network expansion.

MOTION by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Cruikshank, to **SUPPORT** SB 1130. No objections. Abstention by Board Member LaMarque. Motion passed.

MOTION by Board Member Boyles, seconded by Board Member Chen, to **ACCEPT** the oppose positions on AB 725, AB 1851, AB 2168, AB 2345, SB 1085, SB 1138 as recommended. No objections. Abstention by Board Member LaMarque. Motion passed.

Ms. Bacharach took this time to discuss the subsequent bills that were mailed out after the agenda was distributed. SBCCOG staff were notified just prior to the meeting that the cannabis bill will not be moving forward this legislative session, so no vote is required. The second piece of legislation was AB 570, which is the legislative alternative to Assembly Member Muratsuchi's proposed broadband bond measure that the Board supported in June. The third item is a proposed County Charter Amendment that would allocate 10% of LA County's general fund revenues to a specified set of social programs. Ms. Bacharach explained that the recommended oppose position comes from a position of good governance because this same task could and should be handled in the County's annual budget process and not an amendment to the County's charter voted on by LA County voters. The item is available here for review:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/2_7.20%20Legislation%20to%20be%20added%20agenda%20%26%20why.pdf

Board Members shared their concerns about the proposed County Charter Amendment which included impacts on other programs, costs for services that cities contract with the County for such as the Sheriff's services, and even impacts on mutual aid agreements between police departments.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **OPPOSE** the proposed County Charter Amendment. No objections. Abstentions by Board Members Horvath, Armato, Boyles, Stern, and LaMarque. Motion passed.

MOTION by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **SUPPORT** AB 570. No objections. Abstention by Board Member LaMarque. Motion passes.

B. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach reported that the project is moving along. There will be the first of the SBCCOG's tech talk sessions taking place in August on cybersecurity which will be led by the consultant working on Torrance's recent cybersecurity breach. She invited the Board and city staff to participate.

C. Senior Services

Board Member Huff reported that there will be a presentation by Dr. Eric Daar at the July 28th meeting. Dr. Daar is leading a COVID-19 vaccine trial at Harbor-UCLA. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

D. Homeless Services

Ms. Farwell reported that the city specific data release was pushed back to July 30th. Project Roomkey is currently at the three-month mark and many sites are looking at one to three-month extensions of the agreement. The Lomita site is being decommissioned and will be the pilot for that process. The State is looking at investing \$550M in Project Homekey which would help fund the transition of hotels and motels into interim shelters or permanent supportive housing sites. LA County's real estate department is researching potential hotels and motels that could become a Project Homekey site. Bridge Home sites in Wilmington and San Pedro have opened and currently house over 100 people between the two. She concluded by reporting

on the Measure H proposed expenditure plan and the comments submitted by the SBCCOG on a few of the strategies.

E. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing

Ms. Bacharach announced that SCAG is allocating a certain amount of funding to use based on RHNA allocations to the subregions. Estimates put the SBCCOG's portion at approximately \$600k and could be used to encourage housing. She has been discussing this program with the Community Development/Planning Directors, looking for innovative ways to use the money in the South Bay. She asked the Board to send her any ideas they might have.

F. Special Board Meeting on Policing and Public Safety in the South Bay

Ms. Bacharach reported that a subcommittee of the Board made up of Chair Valentine and Board Members Horvath and Stern recently met to discuss the upcoming special Board Meeting. They have coordinated with Mayor Butts and Councilmember Buscaino who will be leading the discussion at the meeting. Both have extensive police experience. Please submit any questions to Ms. Bacharach.

G. Office Update

Ms. Bacharach reported that staff continues to work from home but go into the office as needed. It is likely that staff will continue working remotely for the foreseeable future.

H. Sharing City Responses to the Coronavirus, Reopening Strategies, Protests and Other Challenges

Board Members briefly shared their respective cities' plans on re-opening city hall and other city facilities. Board Members Kao and Cruikshank announced that their respective cities are working with PVPUSD to look into the possibility of using city facilities as remote learning sites. Board Member Stern reported that Manhattan Beach recently implemented a stricter mask requirement than the County and mandated that masks be worn at any time outside the house. She asked if any other cities are considering stricter measures, but none are at this time. Board Member LaMarque announced that the County is developing a spending plan for \$1.2B in CARES Act funding that would include around \$650M for public health measures, \$200M for financial support for residents, and \$160M in grants for business. Board Member Chen reported that Torrance has had some recent cases of xenophobia.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <http://southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-63>

A. SCAG Committees – No report given.

1. **Energy and Environment** (Judy Mitchell, Jim Osborne)
2. **Transportation** (James Gazeley, Drew Boyles)
3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** (Mark Henderson, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)

B. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Bill Brand/Kenneth Kao) – No report given.

C. Stormwater Funding

1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.

D. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle) – No report given.

E. South Bay Aerospace Alliance – No report given.

F. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts

G. California Association of Councils of Governments – No report given.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Bacharach reported that next week is the “push week” for the 2020 Census. Most South Bay cities are about 2/3 compliant with responding so far. The Census Bureau is asking for help spreading the word via social media.

Board Member Chen: Torrance just started a “Dare to Care” initiative that aims to encourage residents to do random acts of kindness.

Board Member Armato: The virtual State of the City will be taking place next week.

Board Member Stern: The City is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Manhattan Beach Pier. Virtual tours are available through the historical society.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm to Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm for the Special Board Meeting on policing. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary